WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.   A method of reacquisition in a wireless
communication system comprising:

   obtaining a metric indicating of signal conditions;

   comparing the metric to a first predetermined threshold;

   attempting connection with the synchronization channel if
the metric meets or exceeds the first predetermined threshold;
and

   performing reacquisition if the metric does not meet the
first predetermined threshold.

2.   The method of Claim 1, further comprising comparing
the metric to a second predetermined threshold and attempting
narrow reacquisition if the metric meets or exceed the second
predetermined threshold.

3.   The method of Claim 1, wherein the metric indicates
signal quality.

4.   The method of Claim 1, wherein the metric is receive
signal strength indicator (RSSI).

5.   The method of Claim 1, wherein the metric is bit
error rate.

6. The method of Claim 1, wherein the metric is Ec/Io.

7. The method of Claim 1, wherein the metric is finger correlation.

8. A method of enhancing reacquisition in a wireless communication system comprising:

determining signal strength;

connecting to the synchronization channel if the signal strength meets or exceeds a first threshold;

performing narrow reacquisition if the signal strength is between the first threshold and a second threshold; and

performing full reacquisition if the signal strength is at or below the second threshold.

9. The method of Claim 8, further comprising creating a history log of reacquisition performance.

10. The method of Claim 9, further comprising determining the first threshold and the second threshold using historical data in the history log.

11. The method of Claim 8, wherein the first threshold and the second threshold are predetermined.

12. The method of Claim 8, wherein the signal strength is determined using a signal quality metric.

13. The method of Claim 8, wherein the signal strength is determined by a mobile station.

14. The method of Claim 8, wherein the signal strength is determined upon call release.

15. The method of Claim 8, wherein the signal strength is determined following call release.

16. A mobile station for use in a wireless communication system comprising:

a signal quality indicator which determines signal quality; and

a reacquisition logic circuit which determines the appropriate reacquisition procedure based on the signal quality.

17. The mobile station of Claim 16, wherein the reacquisition logic circuit connects the mobile station to a synchronization channel if the signal quality exceeds a first threshold.

18. The mobile station of Claim 16, wherein the reacquisition logic circuit directs the mobile station to

3   reacquire a base station if the signal quality falls below a

4   first threshold.

1   19.   The mobile station of Claim 18, wherein the

2   reacquisition logic circuit directs the mobile station to

3   perform a narrow reacquisition if the signal quality exceeds a

4   second threshold.

1   20.   The mobile station of Claim 16, wherein the signal

2   quality indicator determines the signal quality using a

3   metric.

1   21.   The mobile station of Claim 20, wherein the metric

2   is RSSI.

1   22.   The mobile station of Claim 20, wherein the metric

2   is finger correlation.